

SHORTAGES

§ 19.565 Shortages of bottled distilled spirits.

An unexplained shortage of bottled distilled spirits shall be taxpaid: (a) Immediately on a prepayment return on Form 5000.24, or (b) on the semi-monthly return on Form 5000.24 for the return period during which the shortage was ascertained. Unexplained shortages shall be determined by comparing the spirits recorded to be on hand with the results of the quantitative determination of the spirits found to be on hand by actual count during the physical inventory required by § 19.402. When the recorded quantity is greater than the quantity determined by the physical inventory, the difference is an unexplained shortage. The records shall be adjusted to reflect the physical inventory.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1323, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5008))

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Subpart R—Containers and Marks

CONTAINERS

§ 19.581 Authorized containers.

(a) *General.* Proprietors shall use for any purpose of containing, storing, transferring, conveying, removing, or withdrawing spirits or denatured spirits under this part only containers which are authorized by, or under the provisions of this part for such purpose, and a container so authorized will be deemed to be an approved container for such purpose. Except where stated otherwise, the provisions of part 20 of this chapter apply to containers used for containing, storing and shipping of articles, and the provisions of 27 CFR part 24 apply to containers used for storage or transfer of wine. Except for liquor bottles, this subpart does not regulate or prohibit the use on plant premises of any container for purposes other than containing alcoholic substances.

(b) *Alternate containers.* In addition to the types of containers specifically authorized by this part for a particular purpose, a container of another type

may be authorized for that purpose by the Director on a finding by him that the use of such container will afford protection to the revenue equal to or greater than that afforded by the containers specifically authorized by this part, and that the use will not cause administrative difficulty. If another container is so authorized by the Director, he shall prescribe the detail and manner in which such container shall be constructed, protected, and marked, consistent with the provisions of this part and the extent of such use. Similarly, where a container authorized for a particular purpose is required by this subpart to be made of specified materials, the Director may authorize the use of containers made of other materials which he has found to be suitable for the intended purpose.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1360, as amended, 1362, as amended, 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5206, 5212, 5214, 5301); sec. 805, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 279 (26 U.S.C. 5002); sec. 807, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 285 (26 U.S.C. 5213))

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§ 19.582 Spirits for nonindustrial use.

(a) *Determination of use.* Containers of spirits of a capacity of 1 gallon (3.875 liters) or less are considered to be for nonindustrial use, except for those which contain:

- (1) Anhydrous alcohol; or
- (2) Alcohol which may be withdrawn from bond free of tax.

(b) *Containers.* If not inconsistent with the provisions in 27 CFR part 5, spirits for nonindustrial use may be filled into:

- (1) Packages, or
- (2) Other containers which are filled during processing operations and contain not more than 10 gallons.

(c) *Bottles and labels.* The provisions of subpart S of this part govern the liquor bottles and labels to be used in bottling spirits for nonindustrial domestic use.

(d) *Cases.* Spirits for nonindustrial use in containers with a capacity of 1 gallon or less shall be placed in cases which afford reasonable protection